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Former NASA Security Guard Pleads Guilty

On March 21, 2000, Michael N. Dennis, a former security guard employed by Sectek, Inc., a NASA contractor at the Glenn Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio, plead guilty in U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, to one count in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641, theft or conversion of property of the United States.

During the course of investigation, the NASA Office of Inspector General executed three search warrants with the assistance of the Cleveland Police Department, which resulted in the recovery of NASA property valued at approximately \$23,000. One NASA computer recovered during the search contained research data.

Sentencing is scheduled for June 8, 2000. Dennis faces a maximum sentence of 10 years and fine of \$250,000.

The investigation was conducted by Special Agents of the NASA Office of Inspector General. Prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Gary D. Arbeznic, Northern District of Ohio, (216) 622-3600.

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